

News Release

Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Block Island NWR □ John H. Chafee NWR at Pettaquamscutt Cove □ Ninigret NWR □ Sachuest Point NWR □ Truston Pond NWR



50 Bend Road, Charlestown, RI 02813

401/364-9124 Fax: 401/364-0170

For Immediate Release

November 18, 2015

For More Information, please call:

Janis Nepshinsky, Visitor Services Manager – extension 28

Neil Anthes – Park Ranger/Hunting Coordinator - extension 43

Refuge Closure for Deer Hunting Opportunity for Youth at the Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge

The Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is hosting its third annual deer hunt opportunity for youth this December, from Saturday, December 5th until Monday, December 21st. During this time the Salt Pond Unit of the Refuge, including the parking lots, nature trails, and kayak launch, will be closed to non-hunters to ensure a safe and successful hunting opportunity for the participating youth.

The Ninigret NWR deer hunting opportunity for youth is a mentorship event and big game management tool that benefits both underserved youth in the hunting community as well as the refuge's wildlife management goals. It is a lottery hunt where eight youth are randomly selected to receive a permit to hunt the refuge during the Rhode Island public land shotgun season. All youth hunters (12-17 years old) selected are required to attend a hunter safety orientation prior to participating in the refuge hunt.

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is a long standing tradition. It provides a cost effective tool for wildlife management and also one of the Service's biggest supported public uses. For further information and questions on the hunting opportunities at the refuge, please contact Hunting Coordinator Neil Anthes at 401-364-9124, extension 43, or visit the website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ninigret/>. Hunting permit information for the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex is available at <http://www.rhodeislandpermits.com>.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.

#####

